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**EIGHTY-FIFTH STATED MEETING
GULF COAST PRESBYTERY - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2001
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ATMORE, ALABAMA**

01-01 CALL TO ORDER & OPENING PRAYER & WORSHIP

The 85th stated meeting of Gulf Coast Presbytery was called to order by the moderator, TE Wesley Channell at 10:04 a.m. on Tuesday, February 13th, at the First Presbyterian Church, Atmore, AL. TE John Mathieu led in the opening prayer.

01-02 WORSHIP SERVICE & SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

The service was begun with singing of the hymn, “We Will Glorify”. Mr. Stan Layton read from Phil. 3:1-7 and preached a sermon on the Scriptural basis for joy. Following the preaching of the Word, the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper was administered by TE Wesley Channell and the Session of the First Presbyterian Church. The service concluded with a prayer and a hymn, “Be Thou My Vision”.

01-03 ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was declared to be present with the following commissioners in attendance:

| CHURCHES | TEACHING ELDERS | RULING ELDERS |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Chattahoochee | T. Spilman | W.D. Hill; S.S.Cowen |
| Christ, Lynn Haven | B. Johnston | |
| Christ, Mobile | . Phillips | |
| Christ Community, Pensacola | G. Shamblin | |
| Concord | R. Dekker | T. Bosworth |
| Cornerstone, Destin | D. Roberts | |
| Cornerstone, Tallahassee | | |
| Covenant | B. Hayes | R. Post; V. Tinklenberg |
| Eastern Shore | | C. Fellers; K. Robinson; P. Zakutney, Alt., B. Luka, Alt |
| Fairfield | P. Frick | B. Cooper |
| Faith | D. Gilleran | K. Sanders; S. Cloud |
| First, Atmore | W. Channell | C. Dettling; B. Rice; M. Adams (Alt.); D. Bilbo (Alt) |
| First, Niceville | M. Swain; D. Shackelford | R. Kohlin; R. Wilson |
| First, Panama City | D. Anderegg | |
| Grace, Gulf Shores | R. Fennig | |
| Grace, Madison | J. Cavanah | J. Hollingsworth; A. Hughes; J.D. Scruggs (Alt) |

Minutes of the 85th Stated Meeting of Gulf Coast Presbytery

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| Loxley | | A. Keuler |
| Mcllwain | J. Grider | R. Myers; W. Harris |
| New Philadelphia | A. Newell | |
| New Song | B. Sinclair | |
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| Panama City Korean | | |
| Pinewoods | | M. Crabbe |
| Safe Harbor | T. Hughes | |
| Warrington | B. Hornick | J. Hansen; J. Welch |
| Westminster, Fort Walton | W. Tyson | J. Boswell; J. Richardson |
| Westminster, Milton | | |
| Westminster, Tallahassee | | |
| Wildwood | D. Box; R. Evans | F. Bierling; B. White |

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2 OTHERS: Teaching Elders A. Maves; M. Kirk; J.R. Foster; M. Griffith; D. Miller,
3 M. Schneider

4 VISITORS: K. Fagerheim; J. Bryars; D. Leander; H. Bishop; K. Gilleran; A. Sherling; R.
5 Smith.

6 EXCUSED: T.E.: J. Bancroft, W. Cathey, J. Craft, S. DeVries, R. Gardner, C.
7 Gwin, R. Hopper, G. Ormerly, C. Pearson, J. Riggs, C. Ryor, E. Stanton, and J.
8 Watson; R.E.: Westminster P. C., Milton and Westminster P. C., Tallahassee

9 **01-04 APPROVAL OF PRINTED MINUTES**

10 Minutes from the 84th Stated Meeting and the Called Meeting of November 14,
11 2000, were approved as printed.

12 **01-05 COMMUNICATIONS**

13 1. Minutes from the Commission to install TE R. W. Dekker as pastor of
14 Concord Presbyterian Church, found to be in order and print in the
15 minutes. ([Appendix A](#))

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17 2. Minutes from the Commission to install TE Tim Spilman as pastor of
18 the Chattahoochee Presbyterian Church, found in order and print in the
19 minutes. ([Appendix B](#))

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21 3. Minutes from the Commission to ordain and install Roger Andrew
22 Newell, pastor of New Philadelphia Presbyterian Church, found in
23 order and print in minutes. ([Appendix C](#))

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25 4. Letters from Gilleran and Faith Presbyterian Church requesting
26 dissolutions of pastoral relationship, referred to the Ministers and
27 Candidates Committee.
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- 1 5. Minutes of Ministers & Candidates Committee acting as a Commission
2 to dissolve the Pastoral Relationship between TE D. Gilleran and Faith
3 Presbyterian Church, found in order and printed in minutes. ([Appendix](#)
4 [D](#))
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- 6 6. Letter from TE M. Schneider, pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church
7 (Independent) requesting transfer to Providence Presbyterian, referred
8 to Ministers and Candidates.
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- 10 7. Petition from Amzi Shirling, et. al requesting recognition of a Mission
11 Church, referred to Mission to North America.
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- 13 8. Letter for Florida Presbytery (PCUSA) notifying Gulf Coast Presbytery
14 of the reception of Teaching Elders Ezra Yune and Sam Suk Yune,
15 referred to Ministers and Candidates Committee.
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- 17 9. Letter from Fairfield Presbyterian Church, invitation to hold the 86th
18 Stated Meeting, accepted.
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- 20 10. Letter from Covenant Orthodox Presbyterian church (formerly
21 Northeast Presbyterian Church) requesting removal of lien and
22 quitclaim deed. TE R. Hornick as trustee was directed to sign the
23 documents.
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- 25 11. Requests for excused absence from: T.E.: J. Bancroft, W. Cathey, J.
26 Craft, S. DeVries, Gardner, Gwin, Hopper, G. Ormesly, C. Pearson, J.
27 Riggs, C. Ryor, E. Stanton, and J. Watson R.E.: Westminster P. C.,
28 Milton and Westminster P. C., Tallahassee. Presbytery granted the
29 requests.
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31 **01-06 ADOPTION OF DOCKET**

32 The docket was adopted as amended to include a special order to hear a report
33 from TE M. Griffith. ([Appendix E](#))

34 Mr. Andy Newell signed the ministerial book of obligations and was seated as a
35 member of Presbytery.

36 **01-07 INTRODUCTIONS OF VISITORS**

37 Visitors to presbytery were introduced. (See 01-03)

38 **01-08 APPOINTMENTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

39 The moderator appointed the following commissioners to serve on the Standing
40 Committees of presbytery:

41 **Bills and Overtures:**

- 1 • TE B. Tyson, G. Roberts
2 • RE J. Boswell, D. Bilbo

3 **Resolution and Thanks:**

- 4 • TE R. Fennig, T. Spillman
5 • RE F. Bearling, B. Cooper

6 **01-09 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – TE R. HORNICK, STATED CLERK**

7 TE R. Hornick presented the report to presbytery. Presbytery adopted the
8 following recommendations:

- 9 1. That RE R. Kohlin's name be placed in nomination for PCA
10 Foundation.
11 2. That the Executive Committee be constituted as a commission for the
12 purpose of electing commissioners to the Committee of Commissioners
13 for the General Assembly.

14 The report was approved as a whole.

15 **01-10 EXAMINATIONS – TE P. FRICK, CHAIRMAN**

16 Mr. Frick introduced Mr. Stan Layton to presbytery. Mr. Layton is a senior at
17 Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, MS and is seeking licensure in Gulf
18 Coast Presbytery. He is a member of Christ Presbyterian Church, Mobile and a
19 ministerial candidate under care of presbytery. Presbytery voted to proceed with
20 the examination.

21 **Sermon** - Moved the approval of the sermon preached by Mr. Stan
22 Layton during the worship service. This portion of the examination was
23 arrested.

24 **Testimony & Call to Ministry** - TE P. Frick asked Mr. Layton to give his
25 testimony and call to ministry. This portion of the examination was
26 arrested.

27 **Theology** - TE M. Schneider led the examination of Mr. Layton in area of
28 theology. After entertaining questions from the floor, this portion of the
29 examination was arrested.

30 **Polity** - TE P. Frick led the examination of Mr. Layton in area of polity.
31 After entertaining questions from the floor, this portion of the examination
32 was arrested.

33 **SPECIAL ORDER – 12:00 PM – TE MACK GRIFFIN**

34 TE Mack Griffin, representing Ridge Haven Conference Center, spoke to the
35 Presbytery about summer youth camps and conferences.

1 **SPECIAL ORDER – 12:10 PM - SHARING & PRAYER GROUPS**

2 Presbytery divided into small groups for the sharing of prayer requests and
3 conversational prayer.

4 **01-11 PRESBYTERY RECONVENED**

5 The Moderator called presbytery to order following lunch and led in prayer.

6 **01-12 EXAMINATIONS CONTINUED**

7 **English Bible** - TE M. Schneider lead the examination of Mr. Layton in
8 area of English Bible. After entertaining questions from the floor, this
9 portion of the examination was arrested.

10 After entertaining questions from the floor, the examination as a whole was
11 arrested and Mr. Layton was approved for licensure. As follows:

12 At First Presbyterian Church, Atmore, AL., the 13th day of February, 2001
13 the Gulf Coast Presbytery, having received testimonials commending Mr.
14 Stan Layton, proceeded to submit him to the prescribed examination for
15 licensure, which was met to the approval of the Presbytery. Having
16 satisfactorily answered the questions for licensure, Mr. Stan Layton was
17 licensed to preach the Gospel within the bounds of Gulf Coast Presbytery.

18 The Moderator posed the questions and then charged him and led in prayer for
19 Mr. Layton.

20 Mr. Frick introduced Mr. Bryars to presbytery. Mr. Bryars, a minister-in-good-
21 standing in the Southern Baptist Convention and a graduate of Dallas Theological
22 Seminary, has been call by presbytery's MNA Committee to plant a church in
23 Mobile, AL. Presbytery voted to proceed with the examination

24 **Testimony & Call to Ministry** - TE P. Frick asked Mr. Bryars to give his
25 testimony and call to ministry. This portion of the examination was
26 arrested.

27 **English Bible** - TE M. Schneider lead the examination of Mr. Bryars in
28 area of English Bible. After entertaining questions from the floor, this
29 portion of the examination was arrested.

30 **Theology** - TE M. Schneider led the examination of Mr. Bryars in area of
31 theology. After entertaining questions from the floor, this portion of the
32 examination was arrested.

33 **Sacraments** - TE J. R. Foster led the examination of Mr. Bryars in area of
34 Sacraments. After entertaining questions from the floor, this portion of the
35 examination was arrested.

36 **Polity** - TE P. Frick led the examination of Mr. Bryars in area of polity.

1 After entertaining questions from the floor, this portion of the examination
2 was arrested.

3 **Church History** - TE P. Frick led the examination of Mr. Bryars in area of
4 church history. After entertaining questions from the floor, this portion of
5 the examination was arrested. The examination was sustained as a whole.

6 Presbytery voted to receive Mr. Bryars into Gulf Coast Presbytery upon signing
7 the Book of Ministerial Obligation and responding to the questions of ordination.

8 Moderator Channell put the questions of ordination (BCO 21-5) to Mr. Bryars to
9 which he gave affirmation.

10 A call to Mr. Bryars was presented by the MNA Committee to be the church
11 planter of the Port City Project. Presbytery voted to approve the Call and place it
12 in Mr. Bryar's hands. Mr. Bryars accepted the Call. ([Appendix F](#))

13 **01-13 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – TE D. SHACKLEFORD, CHAIRMAN**

14 TE D. Shackelford presented the report to presbytery and opened with prayer.

15 An announcement was made about the upcoming Annual Gulf Coast PresWIC
16 Spring Retreat at Blue Springs in Marianna, FL on Friday and Saturday, May 4th
17 – 5th. This year's theme is "Hearth and Home" and features speaker Kathy
18 Cheely. The Registration deadline is April 21st.

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20 The vision for a fledgling ministry called Barzalie Ministries was presented to the
21 Presbytery which would provide help and counseling for Christian families. This
22 Tallahassee based ministry is available for consultation.

23 The report was approved a whole. (See [Appendix G](#) for the 2001 Gulf Coast
24 PresWIC Report).

25 **01-14 MINISTERS & CANDIDATES – TE M. SWAIN, CHAIRMAN**

26 TE M. Swain led in prayer and presented the report to presbytery:

27 1. On December 13, 2000, the committee, acting as a commission,
28 transferred the ministerial qualifications of TE Chris Gearhart to
29 Northern Illinois Presbytery.

30 2. On January 10, 2001, the committee, acting as a commission,
31 dissolved the pastoral relationship between Faith Presbyterian Church,
32 Robertsdale, and TE David Gilleran.

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34 3. That Presbytery approve the transfer of TE A. Michael Schneider to
35 Providence Presbytery and that we commend TE Schneider for his
36 many years of faithful service to the Presbyterian Church in America
37 and to Gulf Coast Presbytery.
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- 1 4. That Presbytery acknowledge the reception of TE Ezra Yune and TE
2 Sam Suk Yang into the Florida Presbytery of the PCUSA and directed
3 that their names be removed from the rolls of Gulf Coast Presbytery.

4 The report was approved a whole.

5 A motion was made and carried that Gulf Coast Presbytery establish an ad-
6 interim committee to contact Providence Presbytery with a view toward
7 establishing fraternal relations, and to report back to Gulf Coast Presbytery at our
8 May stated meeting. TE P. Frick was named as convener and directed to form a
9 committee to accomplish the task.

10 **01-15 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA - RE C. FELLERS, CHAIRMAN**

11 RE C. Fellers presented the report to presbytery. Presbytery
12 adopted the following recommendations:

- 13 1. That the Christ Community Church Commission be dissolved (CCC
14 organized 01/14/01)
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16 2. Regarding Port City Project in Mobile AL:
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18 (a) That Port City Project be approved for Mission Status.
19 (b) That a call be extended to TE Jim Bryars as organizing pastor.
20 (c) That the following Port City Project oversight commission be approved:

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22 TE Jim Bryars RE Tripp Oliphant
23 TE Wesley Channell RE Chip Fellers
24 TE John Mathieu

- 25
26 3. That the following schedule be approved as support from the GCP
27 Presbytery Church Planting Fund:

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29 Year 1 - \$1500 / month
30 Year 2 - \$1000 / month
31 Year 3 - \$ 500 / month

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33 4. That the MNA Committee be empowered to act as a commission to
34 receive and act upon a petition of organization from First Christian Church
35 of Mobile, AL.

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37 5. Regarding Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Mission in Baldwin County
38 AL.

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40 (a) That "Covenant Reformed Presbyterian" be approved Mission Status.

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42 (b) That a call be extended to TE David Gilleran as organizing pastor of
43 Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Mission. The terms of the Call were
44 read, approved and placed in Mr. Gilleran's hands. Mr. Gilleran

1 accepted the Call. ([Appendix H](#))

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3 (c) That the following oversight commission be approved and that the
4 commission be authorized to set the date and time of the installation
5 commission:

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7 TE David Gilleran RE Pete Scarbrough
8 TE Rick Fennig RE Ken Ferguson

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10 (d) That the men of Faith Presbyterian Church and Covenant Reformed
11 Presbyterian Mission continue to work toward personal reconciliation.

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13 (e) That Gulf Coast Presbytery pray for the MNA Committee as it “devises
14 measures” to plant churches within its bounds.

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16 (f) That Grace Fellowship Mission of Mobile, AL be dissolved and that
17 Presbytery’s oversight commission of said mission be also dissolved.

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19 The report was approved as a whole ([Appendix I](#))

20 **01-16 MISSION TO THE WORLD – TE G. ROBERTS, CHAIRMAN**

21 TE G. Roberts opened with prayer.

22 Several oral reports were given to the Presbytery:

- 23 • Mr. David Leander with MTW gave a report of his work in taking the
24 light of the gospel back to his native country of Sweden.
- 25 • TE B. Hayes gave a report on his mission work in Uganda.
- 26 • TE G. Roberts spoke about his upcoming mission trip to Russia.

27 The report was approved a whole. TE Roberts closed the report with prayer for
28 world missions.

29 **01-17 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

30 TE D. Gilleran opened with prayer and presented the Administrative Committee
31 report to the presbytery. Recommendations 1 – 9 were adopted as
32 presented. The report was approved as a whole. ([Appendix J](#))

33 **01-18 OLD BUSINESS**

34 Presbytery voted as follows on the proposed BCO Amendments:

| Item # | FOR | AGAINST | ABSTAIN |
|--------|-----|---------|---------|
| Item 1 | 34 | 5 | 7 |

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| Item 2 | 36 | 2 | 5 |
| Item 3 | 45 | 0 | 1 |

1 **01-19 NEW BUSINESS**

2 The time & place of the 86th Stated meeting was set to be 10:00 a.m. CST/11:00
3 EST, Tuesday, May 8, 2001 at the Fairfield Presbyterian Church, Pensacola, FL.

4 **01-20 REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

- 5 • **Bill & Overtures** - A motion was made and carried that a memorial for
6 Raymond R. Fell be read into the minutes of Gulf Coast Presbytery.
7 ([Appendix K](#))
- 8 • **Resolution and Thanks** - Presbytery adopted the following report of
9 the Resolution and Thanks Committee:

10
11 Whereas the First Presbyterian Church of Atmore, Alabama has
12 graciously provided her beautiful facilities for the 85th Stated
13 Meeting of the Gulf Coast Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in
14 America, and

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16 Whereas the officers, Pastor, and women of the church have
17 provided for our needs and comfort so graciously, and

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19 Whereas the refreshments and noon meal provided were both
20 delicious and abundant.

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22 Therefore be it resolved that we the commissioners to the 85th
23 Stated Meeting of the Gulf Coast Presbytery give thanks to the
24 congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Atmore for their
25 provision and service to us and Christ's Church to the glory of God.
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27 **01-21 ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER**

28 Presbytery adjourned at 3:45 p.m. (CST) by W. Channell who led in the closing
29 prayer.

30 Respectfully submitted,

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33 TE R. Hornick, Stated Clerk

34 RH/jcg

Appendix A

**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION OF GULF COAST PRESBYTERY
TO INSTALL TE ROBERT W DEKKER**

The Commission appointed by Gulf Coast Presbytery to install TE Robert W. Dekker as Pastor of the Concord Presbyterian Church, met in the Pastor's Office of the Concord Presbyterian Church at 4:45 P.M., Sunday, November 12, 2000. The following members were present: TE Joe Grider, TE Richard Fennig, TE Robert Hornick and RE William Harris, RE Gerry Sovereign, RE Joe Cole. Also present were the following guests of the commission: TE John Baxter and TE John Dekker.

The meeting was called to order by TE Joe Grider and prayer was given by Mr.Grider. Mr. Grider was elected chairman and Mr. Cole as secretary. The Commission welcomed as its guests, TE John Baxter and TE John Dexter.

The order of service was reviewed and approved. The commission retired to the sanctuary for the service at 5:15 p.m. TE J. Baxter read the Scripture and preached a sermon using 1 Timothy 1:12. The sermon also served as the charge to Mr. Dekker. TE R. Hornick presided and propounded the Constitutional Questions to Mr. Dekker. Mr. Fennig propounded the questions to the congregation.

Mr. Grider offered the prayer of installation as Mr. Dekker was installed as pastor of the Concord Presbyterian Church. Then Mr. Harris delivered a charge to the congregation.

Mr. Dekker pronounced the benediction following the singing of a closing hymn, and the members of the church came forward to welcome their new pastor.

The minutes having been read and approved, the closing benediction of the newly installed pastor completed the business of the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

//s// Joe Cole

Joseph Cole, Secretary

APPENDIX B

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION OF GULF COAST ESBYTERY

To Install Rev. Tim A. Spilman

The Commission appointed by Gulf Coast Presbytery to install Rev. Tim A. Spilman as Teaching Elder of the Chattahoochee Presbyterian Church, met at 2:00 p.m., January 21, 2001. The following members were present: Rev. M. F. Elder, Sr., Bob Carpenter, Herbert Clark, Rev. J. H. Foster, Spurgeon Cowen, Wilbur Hill, and Newton Brooks.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. M. F. Elder, Sr. and a prayer was given by Rev. M. F. Elder, Sr. Rev. M. F. Elder, Sr. was elected Chairman and Wilbur Hill as secretary. The order of service was reviewed and approved and the commission retired to the sanctuary for the worship service at 2:30 p.m. Rev. M. F. Elder, Sr. presided and propounded the Constitutional Questions to Rev. Tim A. Spilman and the congregation. Spurgeon Cowen and Wilbur Hill read the Scripture and J. R. Foster preached a sermon, using as his text Romans 3:19-26. (Rev. M. F. Elder, Sr. led in the Installation service with prayer and the laying on of hands setting Rev. Tim A. Spilman apart to the Gospel Ministry.) (Rev. M. F. Elder, Sr. led in prayer as Rev. Tim A. Spilman was installed as the shepherd over this particular congregation.) Then Bob Carpenter and Newton Brooks delivered a charge to Pastor and congregation.

Rev. Tim A Spilman pronounced the benediction following the singing of a closing hymn, and the members of the church came forward to welcome their new minister. The minutes having been read and approved, the closing benediction of the newly installed pastor would close this portion of the commissions' business.

Signed: Wilbur D. Hill, Secretary

APPENDIX C

**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION OF GULF COAST RESBYTERY
TO ORDAIN AND NSTALL Mr. Roger Andrew Newell**

The Commission appointed by Gulf Coast Presbytery to ordain and install Mr. Roger Andrew Newell as Pastor of the New Philadelphia Presbyterian Church, met in Quincy, Florida at New Philadelphia Presbyterian Church at 5:05 P.M., Sunday, October 22, 2000. The following members were present: TE James L. Cavanah II, TE JR Foster, TE Timothy Elder, RE Ronnie Brunson, RE Quinton Paul, RE Tommy White. In addition to commission members TE Dr. Dick Belcher Jr., a member of Fellowship Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America, was present as an invited guest of Presbytery.

The meeting was called to order by TE Jim Cavanah and he offered prayer fitted for the occasion. TE Jim Cavanah was elected chairman and RE Tommy White assecretary. The order of service was reviewed and approved and the commission retired to the sanctuary for the service at 5:30 p.m. TE Timothy Elder presided and propounded the Constitutional Questions to Mr. Newell and the Congregation. TE Dr. Dick Belcher read the Scripture and preached a sermon using as his text 2 Timothy 3. TE JR Foster led in the ordination service with prayer and the laying on of hands setting Mr. Newell apart to the Gospel Ministry. The TE Jim Cavanah delivered a charge to Mr. Newell and a charge to the congregation after which TE JR Foster led in prayer.

TE Roger Andrew Newell pronounced the benediction following the singing of a closing hymn, and the members of the church came forward to welcome their new pastor.

The minutes having been read and approved, the closing benediction of the newly installed pastor completed the business of the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

//s// Tommy White

Tommy White, Secretary
Ruling Elder, Wildwood Presbyterian Church

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Appendix D

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

May 7, 2001

The Rev. Robert Hornick
Stated Clerk
Gulf Coast Presbytery

Dear Bob,

It occurred to me that in reporting to the Presbytery at our last meeting concerning two actions taken by the Ministers and Candidates Committee I failed to give you a written copy of those actions. Therefore, I wish to do so now.

- 1) On December 13, 2000, in accordance with the Standing Rules of Gulf Coast Presbytery (407-I.d), the Ministers and Candidates Committee, acting as a commission, granted the request of TE Chris Gearhart to transfer his ministerial credentials to Northern Illinois Presbytery.
- 2) On January 10, 2001, in accordance with the Standing Rules of Gulf Coast Presbytery (407-I.d), the Ministers and Candidates Committee, acting as a commission, granted the request of Faith Presbyterian Church to dissolve the pastoral relationship between the congregation and TE David P. Gilleran.

Sincerely,

TE Michael D. Swaim
Chairman

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Appendix E

PROPOSED DOCKET
GULF COAST PRESBYTERY – 85th STATED MEETING
February 13, 2001 – 10:00 AM CST/11:00 EST
First Presbyterian Church, Atmore, AL

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1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer
2. Worship Service & Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
3. Roll Call & Determination of a Quorum
4. Approval of Printed Minutes
5. Communications
6. Adoption of Docket
7. Introduction of Visitors
8. Appointment of Standing Committees
9. Permanent Committee Reports
 - a. Executive – TE R. Hornick, Stated Clerk
 - b. Examinations – TE Paul Frick
 - c. Christian Education – TE Dennis Shackelford
 - d. Ministers and Candidates – TE Michael Swain
 - e. Mission to North America – RE C. Fellers
 - f. Mission to the World – TE Dewey Roberts
 - g. Administration – TE David Gilleran
- SPECIAL ORDER – 12:10 – SHARING AND PRAYER GROUPS
- SPECIAL ORDER – 12:30 – 1:00 – LUNCH Old Business
10. New Business
 - a. Time & Place of 86th Stated Meeting – Tuesday, May 8, 2001
11. Reports of Standing Committees
12. Adjournment and Closing Prayer

Appendix F

**Mission To North America Committee
Gulf Coast Presbytery
Call to Rev. Jim Bryars
02/13/2001**

The MNA Committee of the Gulf Coast Presbytery is on sufficient grounds well satisfied with your ministerial qualifications and have good hopes from our knowledge of your labors that your ministrations in the Gospel will be profitable toward accomplishing the vision of Mission to North America. Therefore, we do earnestly call you to minister under the oversight and authority of the MNA Committee, and its newly formed Commission, as a Church Planter for the purpose of starting a PCA congregation in the Mobile area, promising you, in the discharge of your duty, all proper support, encouragement and obedience in the Lord. That you may be free from worldly cares and avocations, we hereby promise and oblige ourselves to pay you the sum of \$74,780 a year in regular monthly payments, and other benefits, such as, housing, retirement, insurance, vacations, etc., during the time of your being and continuing as a Church Planter of Gulf Coast Presbytery. These monies are expected to come from three sources: agreed upon schedule from the Presbytery Church Planting Fund, contributions made by the membership of this new work, and from support raised by you. This call will become effective immediately, and the MNA committee will expect your presence at the newly formed Commission's meetings to give a report of your labor and your progress toward the starting of a PCA church.

Chip Fellers
Chairman, Mission to North America

Signature
Clerk of Presbytery

COMPENSATION PACKAGE WORKSHEET

For: Rev. Jim Bryars
Port City Project
Mobile, AL

SALARY COMPONENT:

| | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| \$ 46,000 | Base Salary |
| \$ <u>17,000</u> | Housing / Manse Allowance |
| \$ 63,000 | Total Salary Component |

BENEFIT COMPONENT:

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| \$ 0 | Social Security Allowance* |
| \$ 6,480 | Health Insurance |
| \$ 0 | Group Term Life Insurance |
| \$ 0 | Disability Insurance |
| \$ <u>5,300</u> | Employer Retirement Contribution (Not salary reduction) |
| \$ 11,780 | Total Benefit Component |

\$74,780 TOTAL

NOTE: Professional Allowances are best referred to as "Expense Reimbursements" and not considered when putting the salary package. See explanation on the last page.

* The social security allowance will be taxable as additional salary for an ordained minister. The allowance is shown for illustrative purposes in the Benefit Component because this is normally where the employer's share of the social security tax (7.65%) is considered in other organizations. See Explanation on page 3.

CHURCH/ORGANIZATION: _____

Minister Signature: _____ Date: _____

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APPENDIX G

2001 Gulf Coast PresWIC Yearly Report

Presented to the Gulf Coast Presbytery –

February 13, 2001

As stated in the Constitution of the Women in the Church of the Gulf Coast Presbytery (known as Gulf Coast PresWIC) our purpose is:

1. To provide an organization within which women in the churches may work together.
2. To encourage fellowship among the women in the PCA in the bounds of the Presbytery.
3. To inspire women in the churches to know Christ personally and to grow in him.
4. To call Christians to serve the Lord throughout the world.

The president, Dottie Threadgill and Vice-president, Eileen Dunkerley attended the Leadership Training in Atlanta in February. This training was conducted by the Christian Education and Publications Committee and the Women's Advisory Sub-Committee. Information from this committee was shared with local WIC Presidents of the Presbytery.

Gulf Coast PresWIC meets three times a year. A fourth planning meeting is held during the summer for council members.

Presbyterial Meeting was held at Grace Fellowship in Gulf Shores, Alabama, January 21-22, 2000. Meeting Theme was "To the Ends of the Earth," Acts 1:8. Speakers were Jan Thomae, missionary to Nigeria; Anne Bennett, who reported on several short term trips she has made to the Ukraine; and Rhonda and Eileen Dunkerley, who reported on their trip to Myanmar.

Chip Fellers, MNA Committee, introduced a program entitled "Parties with a Purpose." The aim is to provide a simple and effective way of sharing Christ with people through evangelistic Christmas Gatherings. Copies of this information were included in the presidents packets at our Spring Retreat. The Attendance for PresWIC Meeting was 105.

Spring retreat was held at Blue Springs, Marianna, Florida, on May 5-6. Our theme was "Teaching Women to Live in Today's World." There were two sessions each of the following workshops:

1. Equipping True Women for True Prayer – presented by Shannon Shackelford.
2. The Church – A Safe Harbor for Women – This was on abuse and the leader pointed out the many ways that women are abused.
3. Teen Ministry – by Diane Poff and Rhonda Dunkerley.

There were 110 ladies in attendance at the retreat.

Fall Rallies:

West Side Rally – held at Eastern Shore Church, Fairhope, Alabama, September 9

Theme: "The Battle for the Mind – RUF Meets the Challenge"

Speakers: Billy Joseph, RUF, University of Alabama; and J.R. Foster, RUF, Florida State University

Attendance: 156

East Side Rally – held at Grace Church, Madison, Florida. Cliff Wilcox shared his work with RUF at the University of Florida. Attendance: 40.

Scholarships of \$300.00 each were awarded to four students at Covenant College:

Chip Swanson, McIlwain, Pensacola

Katherine Ann Bennett, Wildwood, Tallahassee

Christine Ann Norwood, Christ Church, Mobile

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Danelle Holt, Wildwood, Tallahassee

The PresWIC Prayer Chain has proved helpful but not as effective as needed. At the PresWIC Meeting in Panama City it was decided to use email in order to contact someone in each church.

Officers for 2001: Dottie Threadgill, President; McIlwain Church
 Eileen Dunkerley, President Elect, McIlwain Church
 Sue Tulley, Vice-President, Westminster Church, Tallahassee
 Rita Dahl, Secretary, McIlwain Church
 Linda Gibson, Historian, Grace Church, Madison

We continue to have personal contact with women in leadership in all the local WICs. In June, Dottie Threadgill and Eileen Dunkerley traveled to Tallahassee, for a luncheon meeting with Presidents and interested ladies from Madison, Wildwood, Westminster, and New Philadelphia. The ladies were most appreciative of this encouragement.

Dates for future meetings:

March 2-4, Mercy Ministries and WIC Training in Atlanta, sponsored by CE&P. Attending will be Dottie Threadgill and Eileen Dunkerley.

May 4-5, Spring Retreat, Blue Springs Baptist Assembly, Marianna, Florida, Kathy Cheely, speaker. Theme: "Hearth and Home"

Fall Rallies:

West Side – Concord Church, Gulf Breeze, September 15, 2001
East Side – Wildwood Church, October 9, 2001
2002 PresWIC Meeting – January 25-26, McIlwain Church, Pensacola

Submitted by: Dottie Threadgill, President
 Gulf Coast PresWIC

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Appendix H
Mission To North America Committee
Gulf Coast Presbytery
Call to Rev. David Gilleran
02/13/2001

The MNA Committee of the Gulf Coast Presbytery is on sufficient grounds well satisfied with your ministerial qualifications and have good hopes from our knowledge of your labors that your ministrations in the Gospel will be profitable toward accomplishing the vision of Mission to North America. Therefore, we do earnestly call you to minister under the oversight and authority of the MNA Committee, and its newly formed Commission, as a Church Planter for the purpose of starting a PCA congregation in the central Baldwin County area, promising you, in the discharge of your duty, all proper support, encouragement and obedience in the Lord. That you may be free from worldly cares and avocations, we hereby promise and oblige ourselves to pay you the sum of \$30,902 a year in regular monthly payments, and other benefits, such as, housing, retirement, insurance, vacations, etc., during the time of your being and continuing as a Church Planter of Gulf Coast Presbytery. These monies are expected to come from two sources: contributions made by the membership of this new work and from support raised by you. This call will become effective immediately, and the MNA committee will expect your presence at the newly formed Commission's meetings to give a report of your labor and your progress toward the starting of a PCA church.

Chip Fellers
Chairman, Mission to North America

Signature
Clerk of Presbytery

COMPENSATION PACKAGE WORKSHEET

For: Rev. David Gilleran

Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church

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SALARY COMPONENT:

\$16,464 Base Salary

\$ 8,160 Housing / Manse Allowance

\$24,624 Total Salary Component

BENEFIT COMPONENT:

\$ 0 Social Security Allowance*

\$ 3,816 Health Insurance

\$ 0 Group Term Life Insurance

\$ 0 Disability Insurance

\$ 2,462 Employer Retirement Contribution (Not salary reduction)

\$ 6,278 Total Benefit Component

\$30,902 TOTAL

NOTE: Professional Allowances are best referred to as “Expense Reimbursements” and not considered when putting the salary package. See explanation on the last page.

* The social security allowance will be taxable as additional salary for an ordained minister. The allowance is shown for illustrative purposes in the Benefit Component because this is normally where the employer’s share of the social security tax (7.65%) is considered in other organizations. See Explanation on page 3.

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APPENDIX I

GULF COAST PRESBYTERY

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA COMMITTEE REPORT

February 13, 2001

I ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE:

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- A. MNA Chairman attended a MNA Chairman Training Meeting in Atlanta 11/6,7/00.
- B. Conference Call Meeting 12/06/00
The MNA Committee met on December 6th by way of conference call.
- The Committee agreed to recommend to Gulf Coast Presbytery that a call be extended to Rev. Jim Bryars to plant a church in Mobile (The Port City Project).
 - It was agreed to have an all-day meeting in Crestview on 01/23/01 to begin the process of creating a clear vision, strategies, and goals for church planting in Gulf Coast Presbytery. This includes documenting specific criteria for church plants and church planters.
 - It was further agreed to ask the group from Faith Presbyterian Robertsdale AL, who petitioned Gulf Coast Presbytery for Mission Status (letter to Clerk dated 11/25/00), to come to our meeting in Crestview 01/23/01.
- C. Crestview Planning Meeting 01/23/01
- Assigned areas for vision and planning were reported on and discussed. A goal was set to present a completed document to Presbytery at the 05/08/01 meeting.
 - A sub-committee was appointed to finalize the terms Jim Bryars' call, the recommended support from GCP's Church Planting Fund, and establish an oversight Commission for the Port City Project.
 - After meeting with the group from Robertsdale AL concerning their petition for Mission Status, the Committee agreed to recommend Mission Status and the calling of David Gilleran as organizing pastor at the next Presbytery meeting.
- D. Grace Fellowship Mission Church, Mobile AL
- Committee Chairman received a call 02/08/01 from Sid Phillips, Pulpit Supply for Grace Fellowship, requesting that they be taken off Mission Status. Sid said that their group, which has been meeting for four years, would have its last meeting 02/18/01. This was communicated to Rev. Rick Fennig, Commission Chairman.
- E. Christ Community Church, Pensacola FL
- CCC was organized, having its ordination and installation service 01/14/01.
- F. First Christian Church, Mobile AL
- John Mathieu, pastor of First Christian and whose ordination was transferred into GCP at our 10/10/00, requested that a Commission be established having authority to receive and act upon their petition to come into the PCA.

II ORAL REPORTS:

- A. Port City Project, Mobile AL - Rev. Jim Bryars
B. Florida State Reformed University Ministries - Rev. J. R. Foster
C. Church Vitality - RE Jim Peterson
D. Church Planting Financial Report

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1 III RECOMMENDATIONS:

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3 A. That the Christ Community Church Commission be dissolved (CCC organized 01/14/01)

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5 B. Regarding Port City Project in Mobile AL:

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7 1. That Port City Project be approved for Mission Status
8 2. That a call be extended to Rev. Jim Bryars as organizing pastor
9 3. That the following oversight commission be approved:

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11 TE Jim Bryars RE Tripp Oliphant
12 TE Wesley Channel RE Chip Fellers
13 TE John Mathieu

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15 4. That the following schedule be approved as support from the GCP Presbytery Church Planting
16 Fund:

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18 Year 1 - \$1500 / month
19 Year 2 - \$1000 / month
20 Year 3 - \$ 500 / month
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22 C. That the MNA Committee be empowered to act as a commission to receive and act upon a petition of
23 organization from First Christian Church.

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25 D. Regarding “Covenant Reformed Presbyterian” in Baldwin County AL

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27 1. That “Covenant Reformed Presbyterian” be approved Mission Status
28 2. That a call be extended to Rev. David Gilleran as organizing pastor
29 3. That the following oversight commission be approved:

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31 TE David Gilleran RE Pete Scarbrough
32 TE Rick Fennig RE Ken Ferguson
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34 E. That Gulf Coast Presbytery pray for the MNA Committee as it “devises measures” to plant churches within
35 its bounds.
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APPENDIX J

Administration Committee Report

Gulf Coast Presbytery

February 13, 2001

Recommendations

1. That the following churches submitted their Sessional minutes and records on time to the 84th meeting of Presbytery on October 10, 2000 and that they be approved without exceptions of substance as follows:

- *Panama City Korean Presbyterian, Panama City FL
- *Westminster Presbyterian, Fort Walton Beach FL
- *New Philadelphia Presbyterian, Quincy FL
- *Pinewoods Presbyterian, Cantonment FL
- *Safe Harbor Presbyterian, Destin FL
- *Warrington Presbyterian, Pensacola FL

2. That the following churches be noted as having failed to submit their Sessional minutes and records to the 84th meeting of this Presbytery on October 10, 2000 as scheduled:

- *Westminster Presbyterian, Milton FL
- *Westminster Presbyterian, Tallahassee FL
- *Wildwood Presbyterian, Tallahassee FL

3. That the following church be noted as still having failed to submit their Sessional minutes and records to the 83rd meeting of this Presbytery on May 9, 2000 as scheduled:

- *Loxley Presbyterian, Loxley AL

4. That the following church be noted as still having failed to submit their Sessional minutes and records to the 82nd meeting of this Presbytery on February 8, 2000 as scheduled:

- *Chattahoochee Presbyterian, Chattahoochee FL

5. That the Session minutes for Grace Fellowship Mission of Mobile, Alabama be found in order.

6. That the minutes of the oversight Commission of Christ Community Mission be approved as a whole.

7. That Presbytery increase the salary of the Recording Clerk from \$100 to \$200 per meeting.

8. That the financial report for Gulf Coast Presbytery as distributed be received as information.

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1 9. That the report be approved as a whole.

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3 Respectively submitted,

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5 David Gilleran, Chairman Administration Committee

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APPENDIX K

A MEMORIAL TO RAYMOND ROY FELL, JR.

September 10, 1923 - January 6, 2001

Raymond Roy Fell, Jr. was reared In Foley, Alabama in First Baptist Church. He did not become a Presbyterian until he married Nancy Brunson, his wife for nearly 53 years. She had been reared in large part in the Presbyterian Church. As the years passed, however, Raymond continued to be a Presbyterian, not for the sake of marriage, convention, or convenience, but from a deep and thoughtful conviction that historically no other denomination of Christians had so consistently sought to practice the teachings of Holy Scripture.

Raymond was first ordained and installed as a ruling elder about 1960 after serving a short time as a deacon In the Fairfield Presbyterian Church (Presbyterian Church U.S.) of Pensacola, Florida. In 1965, he moved with his family to Robertsedale, Alabama, where he lived until his death.

Because there was no Presbyterian church In Robertsedale, he and his family united with the Loxley Presbyterian Church (PCUS) of Loxley, Alabama. He was installed as a ruling elder in the Loxley church. Largely through his singular efforts and God's grace, he was able to build up the Sunday School and bring regular weekly Lord's Day worship services to this small country church, which had previously been meeting, only on an occasional basis. All of this was done without great financial resources or the help of a teaching elder, as the church was not financially able to call a pastor at that time. Eventually the church was able to build a large educational building as an annex to the sanctuary, and in time the church called a full-time pastor. During this same time Raymond was instrumental in leading the Loxley church out of the PCUS and into what became the Presbyterian Church In America, believing that the historic faith of the Presbyterian Church was best maintained in the new denomination.

In 1976, Raymond along with a couple of his married children and their spouses approached the Session of the Loxley church asking their blessing upon a new effort which they believed God was calling them. They wanted to establish a Presbyterian church In Robertsedale, where they all lived and worked. The Session of the Loxley church gave its blessing, and a new work was begun with the approval of the newly formed Gulf Coast Presbytery of the PCA.

Raymond worked tirelessly to secure meeting facilities and pulpit supply for the new work and to visit the unchurched as he was able to make contact with them either through his business or community service. Again, these efforts were done without the assistance of any full-time, on-site teaching elder. The new church was organized by Gulf Coast Presbytery in 1976, as Faith Presbyterian Church, and it called its first pastor very shortly thereafter. Today the church facilities are located on a debt free 21-acre site with its own worship and educational facilities. In 1981, the church added to its ministry

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1 a Christian day school that presently has an enrollment of approximately 140 students.
2 The last public worship that Raymond was able to attend was the dedication services of
3 the school's newly completed one-half million-dollar Christian Education Building.
4 Raymond was not the only person used in establishing the church and school, but he
5 was always the leader and the encourager of God's people in ministry.

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7 In looking back over the ecclesiastical life of this elder, it is clear that God took a man
8 without the usual formal qualifications to do the work of building up and establishing
9 churches and used him mightily in His service, because this man had a heart willing to
10 work and serve His God. His true qualifications were found in that he loved the Lord his
11 God with all his heart and soul and mind and therefore was a willing servant.

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13 May God be praised for what He can and does do; and may we be encouraged by the
14 example of Raymond Roy Fell, Jr. to give ourselves more completely in God's service.